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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 26, 2001, Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 8-14, without traverse, for further prosecution of the above-referenced application.

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